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Referred to Committee on Education

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO
THE EDUCATION STATUTES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-64 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish
5 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State
6 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a
7 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which
8 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school
9 course through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay the
10 tuition and reasonable and necessary cost of transportation of any
11 person under twenty-one years of age who is not a graduate of a high
12 school or vocational school or an agricultural science and technology
13 education center and who attends the designated school, provided
14 transportation services may be suspended in accordance with the
15 provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's reimbursement

16 percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for expenditures in excess of
 17 eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning
 18 July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be increased by an
 19 additional twenty percentage points.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is
 21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 22 *passage*):

23 (c) In addition to the grants described in subsection (a) of this
 24 section, within available appropriations, (1) each local or regional
 25 board of education operating an agricultural science and technology
 26 education center in which more than one hundred [and] fifty of the
 27 students in the prior school year were out-of-district students shall be
 28 eligible to receive [.] a grant in an amount equal to five hundred
 29 dollars for every secondary school student enrolled in such center on
 30 October first of the previous year, (2) on and after July 1, 2000, if a local
 31 or regional board of education operating an agricultural science and
 32 technology education center that received a grant pursuant to
 33 subdivision (1) of this subsection [.] no longer qualifies for such a
 34 grant, such local or regional board of education shall receive a grant in
 35 an amount determined as follows: (A) For the first fiscal year such
 36 board of education does not qualify for a grant under said subdivision
 37 (1), a grant in the amount equal to four hundred dollars for every
 38 secondary school student enrolled in its agricultural science and
 39 technology education center on October first of the previous year, (B)
 40 for the second successive fiscal year such board of education does not
 41 so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to three hundred dollars for
 42 every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said
 43 date, (C) for the third successive fiscal year such board of education
 44 does not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to two hundred dollars
 45 for every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on
 46 said date, and (D) for the fourth successive fiscal year such board of
 47 education does not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to one
 48 hundred dollars for every such secondary school student enrolled in
 49 such center on said date, and (3) each local and regional board of

50 education operating an agricultural science and technology education
51 center that does not receive a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of
52 this subsection shall receive a grant in an amount equal to sixty dollars
53 for every secondary school student enrolled in such center on said
54 date.

55 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 10-65 of the general statutes is
56 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
57 *passage*):

58 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the
59 grants described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated,
60 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of
61 education operating an agricultural science and technology education
62 center shall be eligible to receive a grant in an amount equal to one
63 hundred dollars for each student enrolled in such center on October
64 first of the previous school year. (2) If there are any remaining funds
65 after the amount of the grants described in subdivision (1) of this
66 subsection are calculated, within available appropriations, each local
67 or regional board of education operating an agricultural science and
68 technology education center that had more than one hundred [and]
69 fifty out-of-district students enrolled in such center on October first of
70 the previous school year shall be eligible to receive a grant based on
71 the ratio of the number of out-of-district students in excess of one
72 hundred [and] fifty out-of-district students enrolled in such center on
73 said date to the total number of out-of-district students in excess of one
74 hundred [and] fifty out-of-district students enrolled in all agricultural
75 science and technology education centers that had in excess of one
76 hundred [and] fifty out-of-district students enrolled on said date.

77 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10-264~~l~~ of the general statutes is
78 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
79 *passage*):

80 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
81 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and

82 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,
 83 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on
 84 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College, and (D) cooperative
 85 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state
 86 in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et
 87 al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the Commissioner of
 88 Education, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees of the Community-
 89 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical
 90 college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University
 91 System on behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees [for] of
 92 The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the
 93 board of governors for an independent college or university, as
 94 defined in section 10a-37, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf
 95 of the independent college or university, and (E) any other third-party
 96 not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner with the
 97 operation of interdistrict magnet school programs. All interdistrict
 98 magnet schools shall be operated in conformance with the same laws
 99 and regulations applicable to public schools. For the purposes of this
 100 section "an interdistrict magnet school program" means a program
 101 which (i) supports racial, ethnic and economic diversity, (ii) offers a
 102 special and high quality curriculum, and (iii) requires students who
 103 are enrolled to attend at least half-time. An interdistrict magnet school
 104 program does not include a regional agricultural science and
 105 technology school, a regional vocational-technical school or a regional
 106 special education center. On and after July 1, 2000, the governing
 107 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that is in
 108 operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of students
 109 that may enroll in the program from a participating district to eighty
 110 per cent of the total enrollment of the program. The governing
 111 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that begins
 112 operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of students
 113 that may enroll in the program from a participating district to seventy-
 114 five per cent of the total enrollment of the program, and maintain such
 115 a school enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but not more than
 116 seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils of racial

117 minorities, as defined in section 10-226a.

118 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-222h of the general statutes is
 119 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 120 *passage*):

121 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available
 122 appropriations, (1) review and analyze the policies submitted to the
 123 department pursuant to section 10-222d, (2) examine the relationship
 124 between bullying, school climate and student outcomes, (3) document
 125 school districts' articulated needs for technical assistance and training
 126 related to safe learning and bullying, (4) collect information on the
 127 prevention and intervention strategies used by schools to reduce the
 128 incidence of bullying, improve school climate and improve reporting
 129 outcomes, and (5) develop model policies for grades kindergarten to
 130 twelve, inclusive, for the prevention of bullying. On or before February
 131 1, 2010, the department shall, in accordance with the provisions of
 132 section 11-4a, submit a report on the status of its efforts pursuant to
 133 this section and any recommendations it may have regarding
 134 additional activities or funding to prevent bullying in schools and
 135 improve school climate [.] to the joint standing committee of the
 136 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
 137 and to the select committee of the General Assembly having
 138 cognizance of matters relating to children.

139 Sec. 6. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the
 140 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 141 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

142 (2) Each school building project shall be assigned to a category on
 143 the basis of whether such project is primarily required to: (A) Create
 144 new facilities or alter existing facilities to provide for mandatory
 145 instructional programs pursuant to this chapter, for physical education
 146 facilities in compliance with Title IX of the Elementary and Secondary
 147 Education Act of 1972 where such programs or such compliance
 148 cannot be provided within existing facilities or for the correction of

149 code violations which cannot be reasonably addressed within existing
 150 program space; (B) create new facilities or alter existing facilities to
 151 enhance mandatory instructional programs pursuant to this chapter or
 152 provide comparable facilities among schools to all students at the same
 153 grade level or levels within the school district unless such project is
 154 otherwise explicitly included in another category pursuant to this
 155 section; and (C) create new facilities or alter existing facilities to
 156 provide supportive services, provided in no event shall such
 157 supportive services include swimming pools, auditoriums, outdoor
 158 athletic facilities, tennis courts, elementary school playgrounds, site
 159 improvement or garages or storage, parking or general recreation
 160 areas. All applications submitted prior to July first shall be reviewed
 161 promptly by the commissioner and the amount of the grant for which
 162 such project is eligible shall be estimated, provided an application for a
 163 school building project determined by the commissioner to be a project
 164 that will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and
 165 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., shall have until
 166 September first to submit an application for such a project and may
 167 have until December first of the same year to secure and report all local
 168 and state approvals required to complete the grant application. The
 169 commissioner shall annually prepare a listing of all such eligible school
 170 building projects listed by category together with the amount of the
 171 estimated grants therefor and shall submit the same to the Governor
 172 and the General Assembly on or before the fifteenth day of December,
 173 except as provided in section 10-283a, with a request for authorization
 174 to enter into grant commitments. Each such listing submitted after
 175 December 1995 shall include a separate schedule of authorized projects
 176 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
 177 commissioner. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, no such
 178 project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by
 179 the commissioner [.] shall be eligible for reimbursement under this
 180 chapter unless it appears on such list. Each such listing submitted after
 181 December 2005 shall include a separate schedule of authorized projects
 182 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
 183 commissioner once, and a separate schedule of authorized projects

184 which have changed in scope or cost to a degree determined by the
 185 commissioner twice. On and after July 1, 2006, no project, other than a
 186 project for a regional vocational-technical school, may appear on the
 187 separate schedule of authorized projects which have changed in cost
 188 more than twice. The percentage determined pursuant to section 10-
 189 285a at the time a school building project on such schedule was
 190 originally authorized shall be used for purposes of the grant for such
 191 project. On and after July 1, 2006, a project that was not previously
 192 authorized as an interdistrict magnet school shall not receive a higher
 193 percentage for reimbursement than that determined pursuant to
 194 section 10-285a at the time a school building project on such schedule
 195 was originally authorized. The General Assembly shall annually
 196 authorize the commissioner to enter into grant commitments on behalf
 197 of the state in accordance with the commissioner's categorized listing
 198 for such projects as the General Assembly shall determine. The
 199 commissioner may not enter into any such grant commitments except
 200 pursuant to such legislative authorization. Any regional school district
 201 which assumes the responsibility for completion of a public school
 202 building project shall be eligible for a grant pursuant to subdivision (5)
 203 or (6), as the case may be, of subsection (a) of section 10-286, when
 204 such project is completed and accepted by such regional school
 205 district.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-64(d)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-65(c)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-65(d)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10-264l(a)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	10-222h(a)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	10-283(a)(2)

ED ***Joint Favorable***